

as new States have joined the Union, celebrate our capacity for change. The challenge we have faced in the past and will confront in the 21st century is the same challenge woven into the American flag—to respond creatively to new possibilities while remaining true to our basic ideals of freedom, justice, and human dignity. As we celebrate Flag Day and Flag Week, let us reaffirm our reverence for the American flag, the bright banner that has uplifted the hearts and inspired the finest efforts of Americans for more than 200 years. It has been the symbol of and companion on our American journey thus far, and it will continue to lead us as we embrace the promise of the future.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as “Flag Day” and requested the President to issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the Flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested the President, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194), to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 falls as “National Flag Week” and calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1998, as Flag Day and the week beginning June 14, 1998, as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the flag on all Federal Government buildings during that week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places.

I also call upon the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, also set aside by the Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor our Nation, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of June, in the year

of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

William J. Clinton

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 6

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

June 7

The President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom concerning matters in Kosovo, the Middle East peace process, and Northern Ireland. The President also had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and President Isaias Afworki of Eritrea concerning tensions in their region.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a dinner for President Fernando Cardoso of Brazil and his wife, Ruth, at Camp David.

June 8

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Westport, CT. Later, the President returned to New York City.

In the evening, the President met with President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico in the Presidential Suite of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kay Koplovitz to serve as the Chair of the National Women's Business Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding May 31–June 2.

The White House announced that the President asked Congress to provide an additional \$294 million to deter and respond to terrorist incidents involving the use of biological or chemical weapons.

June 9

The President announced his intention to nominate William L. Massey to serve as Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate William C. Apgar to be Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kelley S. Coyner to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carlos Pascual to be the Assistant Administrator for Europe and the New Independent States at the Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Representative Lindsay Thomas to serve as the Federal Commissioner to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact Commission and to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Sedgwick County, KS, and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by an explosion June 8.

June 10

In the evening, the President met with President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic in the Oval Office.

June 11

In the afternoon, the President attended a luncheon meeting with Members of Congress as part of One America: The President's Initiative on Race.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a picnic for Members of Congress on the South Lawn.

June 12

In the morning, the President traveled to Monterey, CA, and in the afternoon, he traveled to San Francisco, CA. In the evening, the President traveled to Portland, OR.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven Robert Mann to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz to be Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Howard Holmes to be Ambassador to Latvia.

The President declared a major disaster in Oregon and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding May 28–June 3.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 9

William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Nicolas P. Retsinas, resigned.

Michael H. Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of 4 years (re-appointment).